The Portland Police Chief Who Apologized to Antifa

Portland Police Chief Bob Day is the city's worst police leader yet

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In September 2023, retired Portland Police officer Robert “Bob” Day was tapped by Mayor/Police Commissioner Ted Wheeler to lead the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) after DEI hire Chuck Lovell, who is black, abruptly demoted himself. It was the latest chapter in a turbulent era for the Bureau.

Since Antifa’s rise around 2016, Portland has burned through five police chiefs in nine years — each one failing in their own way, though Danielle Outlaw at least publicly dared to criticize Antifa’s routine violence on the streets. She was never forgiven for that and was pushed out of the role in 2019 after serving for just two years.

For years, Portland has suffered from abysmal police leadership — plagued by incompetence, weakness and City Hall's pro-leftist crime stranglehold. I hoped Bob Day might mark a turning point after the deadly BLM–Antifa riots of 2020. By then, Wheeler himself had moderated after Antifa targeted him and his family. But Day has proven to actually be the worst of the lot.

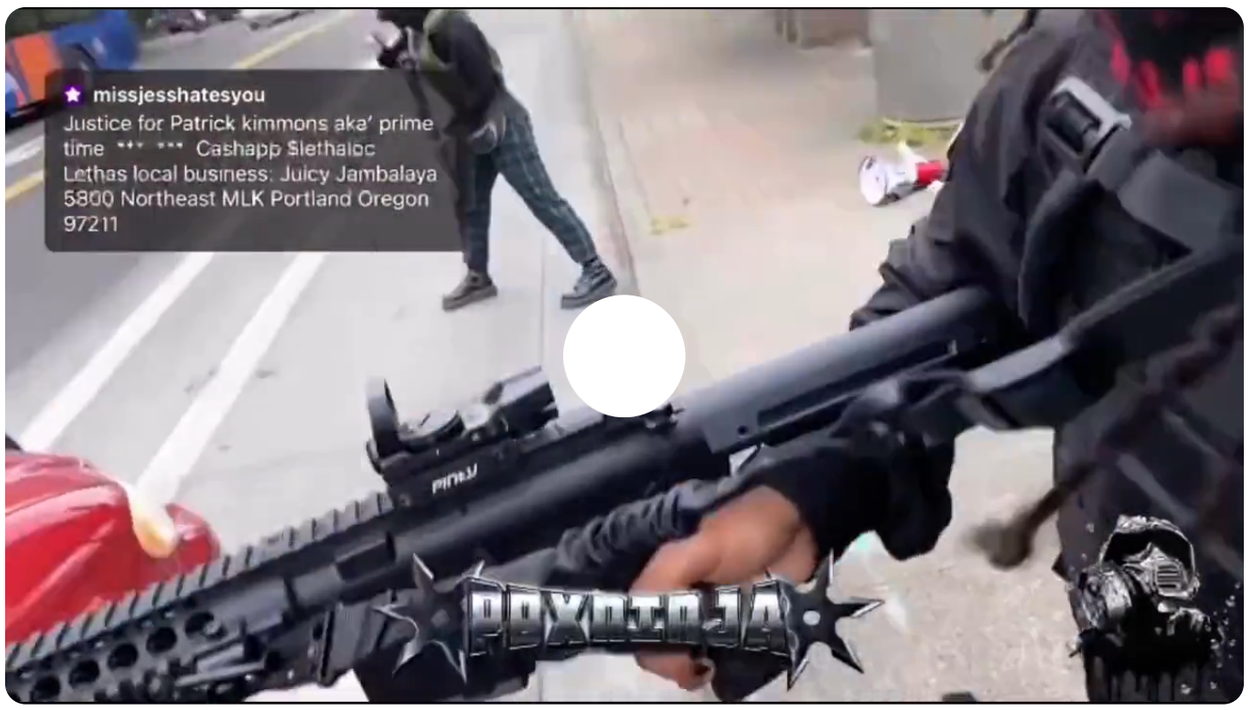
After retiring as Deputy Chief in 2019, Day launched a DEI consulting firm called Reluctant Change. He ran the business for years before returning to lead the PPB.

"Is your organization wrestling with 21st-century challenges from hiring and retention to understanding DEI or the next generation of employees and customers?" his website asks. That was a red flag — but I gave him a chance.

Then came January 2025. Just days after Trump's inauguration, Day released a video apology to an armed BLM–Antifa group involved in a deadly 2022 shooting.

The Normandale Park Shooting

On Feb. 19, 2022, a large group of armed Antifa militants occupied streets around the park for a direct action supporting Patrick Kimmons, a black gunman killed by PPB officers in 2018 after shooting two people. Kimmons' mother organized regular armed occupations under the banner of "Justice for Patrick Kimmons." In May 2021, a driver was beaten and robbed of his firearm by the group in broad daylight. They also smashed up his vehicle. The PPB never arrested anyone, even after I identified suspects from their own BOLOs.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The Portland Police never arrested the armed militants of the Justice for Patrick Kimmons group

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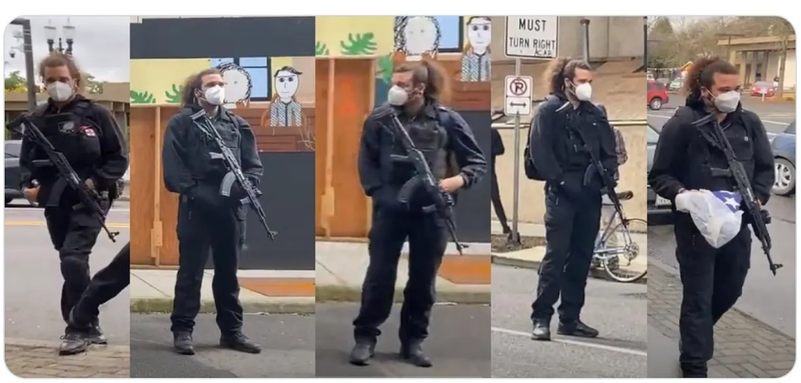

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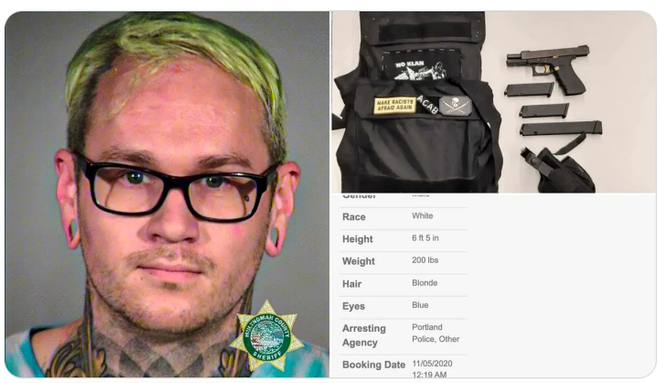
Breaking: This suspect wanted by @PortlandPolice in case #21-121818 for being part of an armed far-left mob that attacked drivers last year has been identified as Wesley C. Fant, an #antifa militant who was previously arrested at a riot in 2020 for unlawful possession of a gun.



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At the 2022 Normandale Park occupation, armed militants from the group clashed with a neighborhood resident named Benjamin Smith, who was furious about the ongoing Antifa riots that had been occurring since 2020. Smith was a furry who lived near the park. He opened fire during the confrontation, killing Brandy Lynn Knightly and wounding four others. Knightly was a regular at the Antifa riots and used the aliases “June” and “T-Rex.”

Brandy Knightly was shot dead in the angry confrontation with the neighborhood resident

Antifa gunman David Michael Bumpus shot the resident in response with a rifle. Online, Antifa scrambled to destroy uploaded video evidence and to call for others to destroy physical evidence from the scene. They also targeted me with death threats for reporting the facts about the occupation-turned-shooting, baselessly accusing me of “inspiring” the shooter.

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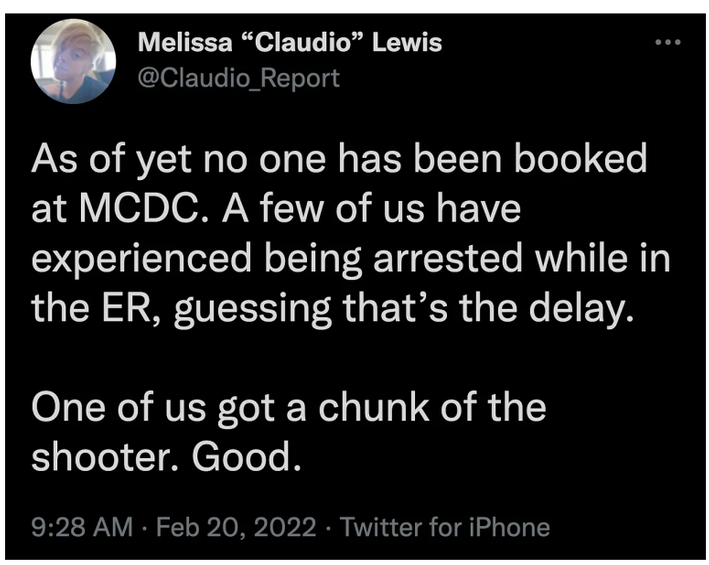
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As of yet no one has been booked at MCDC. A few of us have experienced being arrested while in the ER, guessing that’s the delay.
One of us got a chunk of the shooter. Good.
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Violent felon and Portland Antifa ringleader Alissa Azar

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Andy Ngo posted the flier, posted about the exact people who were targeted
it would not be inaccurate to say I think he himself did this. I am filled with rage
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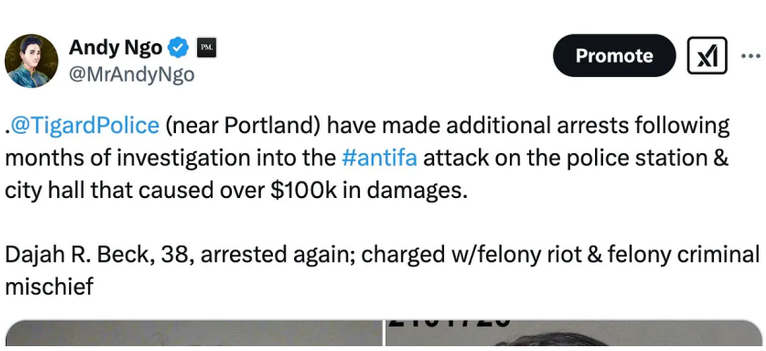
This Antifa account made up lies about my reporting to incite extremists to try to kill me

The neighbor who shot the Antifa occupiers, Ben Smith, was sentenced to life in prison for killing Knightly and wounding her comrades.

Misinformation about the shooting stems mainly from Antifa member Dajah Beck, who fundraised $155,000 off the shooting, sued the city for alleged injury from a riot arrest and received a large cash settlement. She was one of the four injured in the shooting. Beck was convicted the same year as the shooting of two felonies over a violent Antifa attack in Tigard, Ore. She was arrested again at another illegal street direct action last year in downtown Portland but the case was dismissed.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.@TigardPolice (near Portland) have made additional arrests following months of investigation into the #antifa attack on the police station & city hall that caused over $100k in damages.
Dajah R. Beck, 38, arrested again; charged w/felony riot & felony criminal mischief

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Violent convicted felon Dajah Beck was injured in the Normandale Park shooting

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Riot declared at Tigard Police Department

On January 7th, the Tigard Police Department was made aware of a potential protest in response to the January 6th officer-involved shooting.

At around 8:30 p.m., approximately 100 individuals gathered at a business on SW Main Street in the City of Tigard. The group traveled to the Tigard Police Department, blocking traffic and tagging public and private property. At 8:45 p.m., the group arrived at the Tigard Police Department, broke windows, and tagged city property. The demonstration was declared an unlawful assembly, and shortly afterward, a riot was declared.

The group walked through Tigard's downtown business district on their way to and from the police department and vandalized several businesses. The group broke windows and tagged several properties in the area.

The Tigard Police press release about the Antifa attack Dajah Beck was a ringleader in

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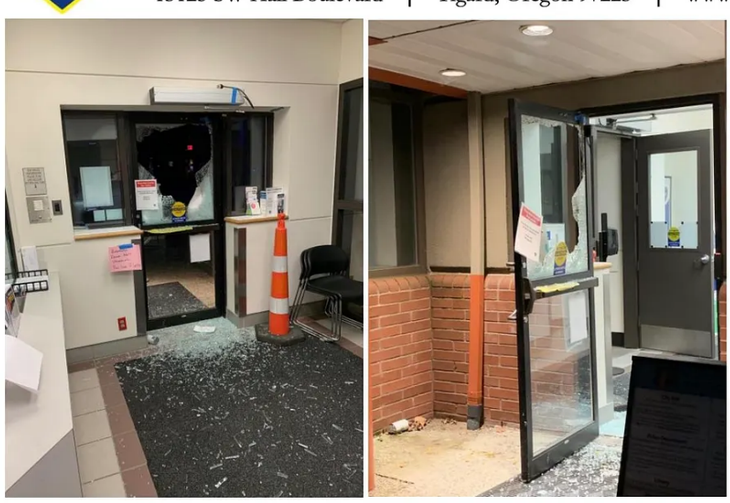
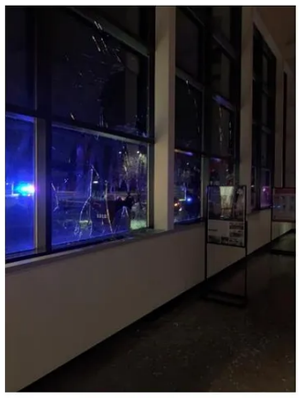
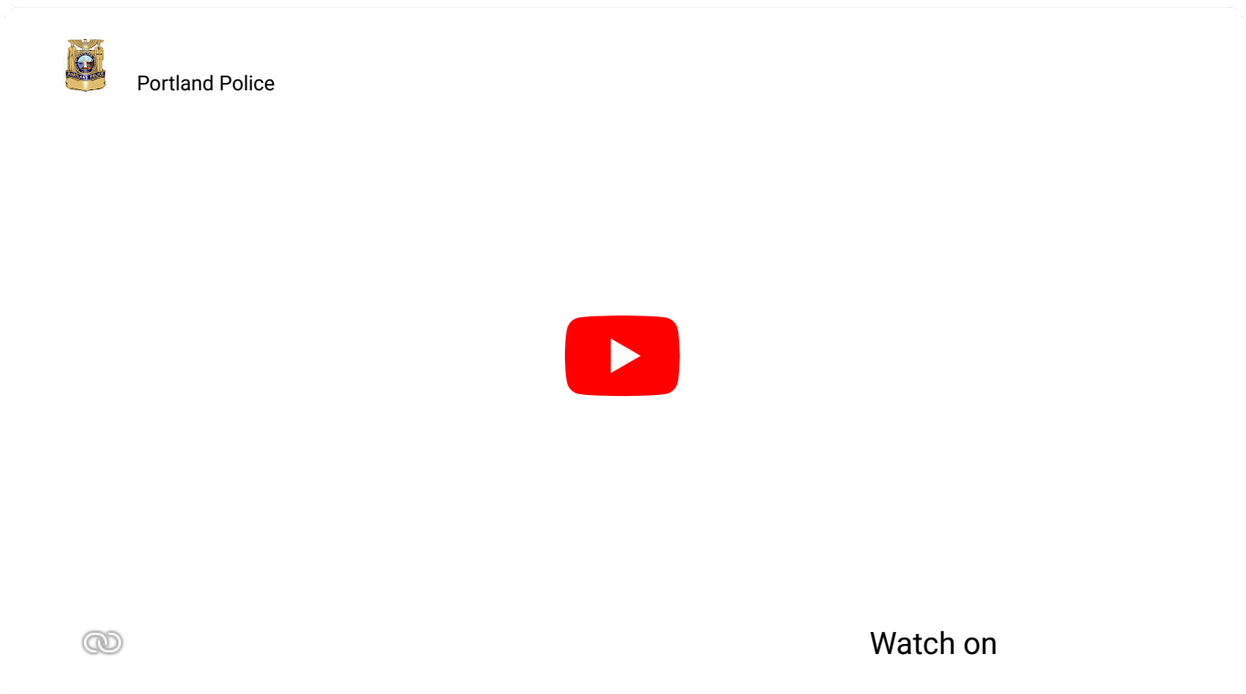




Chief Day's response to the Justice for Patrick Kimmons group? Nearly three years after the shooting, he issued a public apology to the armed Antifa group.

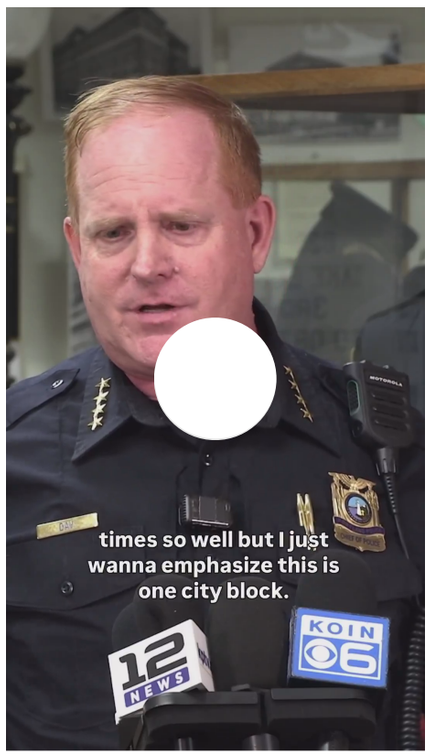
"I want to recognize the role the Portland Police Bureau played in exacerbating that pain," he said.



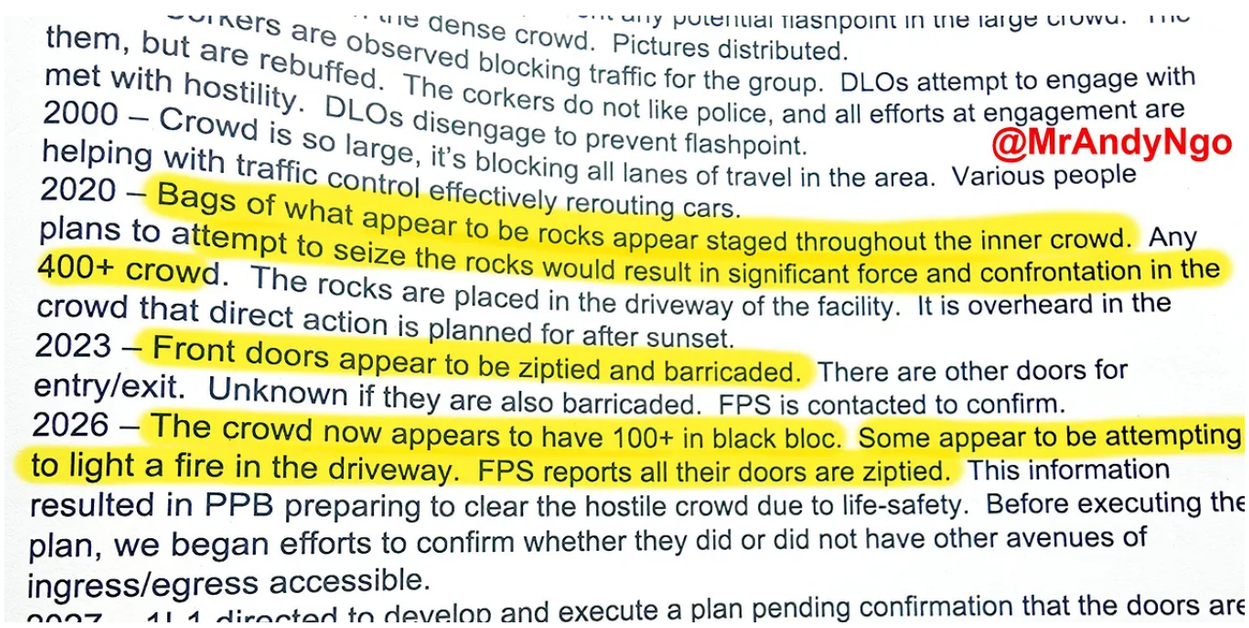
The supposed "pain" was that the PPB initially described Smith as a "homeowner" rather than a renter in a press release. A trivial mistake became a propaganda weapon by Antifa and the left-wing press for a purpose that I still don't understand to this day. They argued that it somehow showed the police were on the shooter's side.

Day even praised the Antifa gunman who shot Smith and referred to the armed occupiers who terrorized neighbors as peaceful "traffic safety volunteers." They had no legal authority to block traffic or to direct where drivers could or could not go.

Fast forward to late September 2025. At a press conference responding to the President's decision to surge federal resources to Portland, Day downplayed the nightly Antifa violence outside the ICE facility, claiming it was confined to "one city block" and that PPB didn't need federal help. This was a bold lie.



PPB hadn't made a single arrest since June, even as nightly violence terrorized residents for months. Discovery evidence in a lawsuit by a nearby resident later showed that PPB officers were well aware Antifa had locked people inside the ICE facility and tried to burn it down — but the police argued, successfully, that they had no legal obligation to respond to that or to the loud noises amplified all night by the rioters.


them, but are rebuffed. The corkers do not like police, and all efforts at engagement are met with hostility. DLOs disengage to prevent flashpoint.
2000 – Crowd is so large, it's blocking all lanes of travel in the area. Various people helping with traffic control effectively rerouting cars.
2020 – Bags of what appear to be rocks appear staged throughout the inner crowd. Any plans to attempt to seize the rocks would result in significant force and confrontation in the 400+ crowd. The rocks are placed in the driveway of the facility. It is overheard in the crowd that direct action is planned for after sunset.
2023 – Front doors appear to be ziptied and barricaded. There are other doors for entry/exit. Unknown if they are also barricaded. FPS is contacted to confirm.
2026 – The crowd now appears to have 100+ in black bloc. Some appear to be attempting to light a fire in the driveway. FPS reports all their doors are ziptied. This information resulted in PPB preparing to clear the hostile crowd due to life-safety. Before executing the plan, we began efforts to confirm whether they did or did not have other avenues of ingress/egress accessible.
directed to develop and execute a plan pending confirmation that the doors are

Discovery from the trial where a resident sued the city and police for allowing rioting. This is a log from the PPB in June

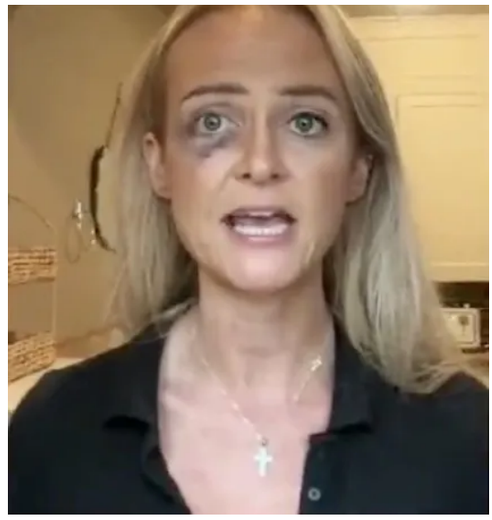
And if it's such a small area of no consequence, why hasn't the PPB been able to police it?

On Aug. 3, Chelly Bouferrache, a local citizen journalist, was punched to the ground by an Antifa militant who was promptly assisted by a group of Antifa co-conspirators

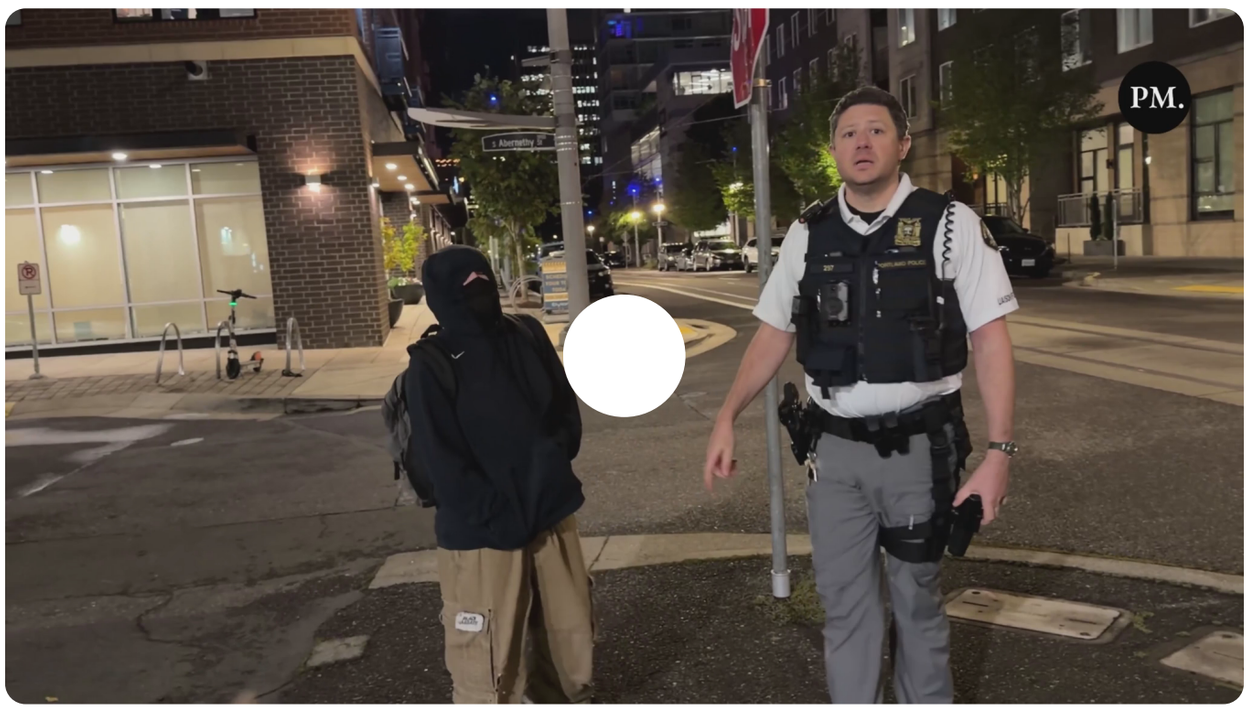
who ushered her to a car owned by John Hacker, a man who attacked me in 2019 and escaped justice. The PPB made no arrest.

Then on Sept. 20, Boufferrache was violently attacked again by an Antifa man who tried to rob her of her recording mobile device. He then doused her and my colleague Katie Daviscourt with bear mace. Both women went to the hospital for treatment. The PPB made no arrest.

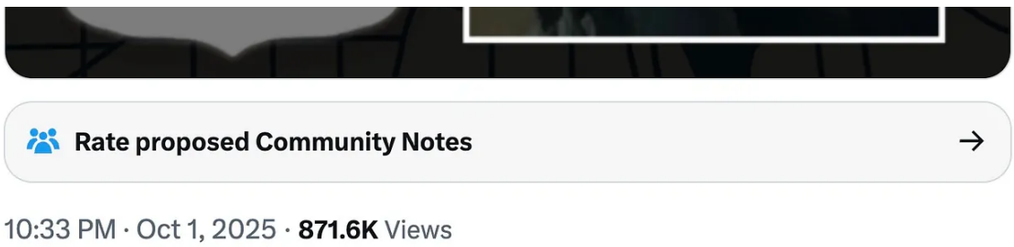
On Sept. 30, Daviscourt was bashed in the eye with a heavy pole by a masked rioter outside the ICE facility following months of threats. She begged a nearby PPB officer to act. He refused to detain or arrest the fleeing suspect, who calmly disappeared into an Antifa safehouse at 677 South Lowell St., Unit #152.



Katie Daviscourt was bashed on the eye with a pole



The following day, the PPB released a BOLO about Katie's attack: "PPB Needs Public's Help Identifying Assault Suspect." It was the same empty gesture they've repeated for years for me and other victims of Antifa violence.



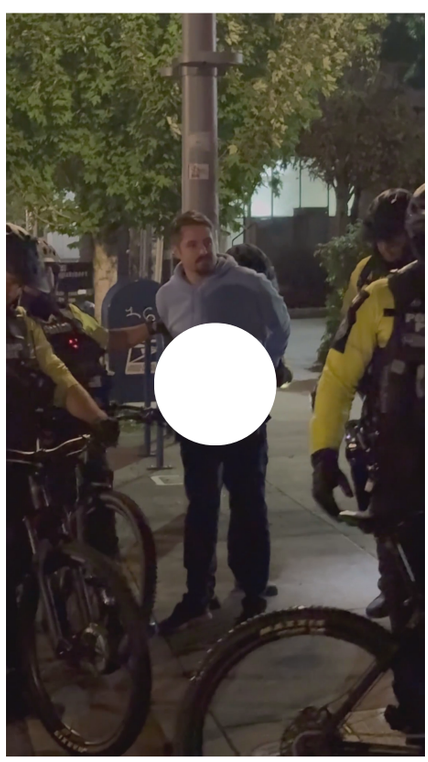
The PPB released an image of Katie Daviscourt's assailant suspect after letting her escape

The Oregonian reported that there was a stand-down order for the officers assigned to the area outside ICE the night Katie was assaulted.

Police said a liaison officer was flagged down — police did not name Daviscourt in their press release — and that the officer followed the suspect, who fled. Liaison officers wear white shirts and are tasked with talking to protest organizers and crowds during demonstrations to deescalate any tensions. They aren't authorized to take "enforcement action," police said.

A police source added that the liaison officer did not witness the alleged assault and hadn't yet seen the videos Daviscourt later posted online.

On Oct. 2, conservative D.C.-based influencer Nick Sortor was arrested by the PPB after being violently confronted by far-left extremists outside ICE. The arrest has sparked mass condemnation from conservatives who feel it is the latest evidence point of the PPB being politically motivated in their actions and inaction.



Bob Day has had nearly two years to turn things around. He's drawing double pay from

a generous pension and a police chief's salary. Instead, he has enabled Antifa militants, apologized to armed extremists, gaslit the public, emphasized DEI in the police bureau and leads a department that refuses to protect citizens terrorized by Antifa.

Bob Day should resign.